



Atlanta's skyline as seen from Grant Park. The Park is the site of the Cyclorama which is a 400 ft. painting in the round of the Battle of Atlanta, 1864. Also located on the site

is the Atlanta Zoo which houses one of the finest reptile collections in the United States.

SBC Atlanta Hotels Are Filling Swiftly

ATLANTA (BP) — Hotel and motel rooms in downtown Atlanta are filling quickly for the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. SBC sessions will be held at the Georgia World Congress Center, June

SBC Registration Cards

Registration cards for the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta may be secured from the office of your associational director of missions.

13-15, with a number of satellite meetings scheduled to begin June 11 and another one set for June 16.

The Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau said 6,972 hotel/motel rooms within the central city of Atlanta have

been committed for SBC use. As of March 15, 4,057 of those rooms were taken.

The SBC Housing Bureau said that as of March 15, every person seeking a room for the SBC received first choice of hotel. If the first, second or third choices are not available the housing bureau assigns rooms comparable in quality and price to the hotel of their first choice if possible.

Persons attending the SBC who do not make their own reservations may write for reservations to the SBC Housing Bureau, 233 Peachtree St., N. E., according to Bernard D. King, coordinator of local arrangements.

He said that as of March 15, eight hotels were sold out. They are Atlanta American, Central Travelodge, White House Motor Inn, Holiday Inn Downtown, Holiday Inn Monroe Drive, Howard Johnson, Northeast, Hyatt Regency and Inntown Motel.

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Programtime: Pollster George Gallup has suggested that the nation's Churches should spend more time on programs to help individuals relate personally to Christ and devote less attention to such matters as ordination of women and homosexuals. Addressing the 28th annual meeting of the Protestant Church Owned Publishers Association (PCPA) here, Mr. Gallup said, "Unless religious leaders can gain some insight into where Jesus stands in our lives today, debate and discussion regarding church-related issues is perhaps superfluous."



Inspecting first stages of work on the disaster vehicle (back to front) are Harold Anderson, Lee Association director of missions, Leo Barker, associational moderator, and Bill Smith, pastor of FBC, Nettleton.

Baptist Joint Committee Recommends Petitioning

DALLAS (BP) — James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, advised Southern Baptist institutions to consider judicial, administrative and legislative remedies to government regulations which impose financial accountability to the Internal Revenue Service on all church agencies and institutions not ruled as "integrated auxiliaries of churches."

"The seriousness and gravity of the situation have increased," Wood told the 16th Southern Baptist Business Officers Conference. "We're now in a position which I think can accurately be called a crisis. Indeed, it's a mounting crisis involving our churches and church agencies and the IRS."

Southern Baptist churches and church agencies and institutions have opposed any attempt by the IRS to define "integrated auxiliary of a church" since this means, in effect, that the government would be defining the mission of the church by determining what is and is not a "religious activity."

Those agencies or institutions which don't qualify as an "integrated auxiliary" are now required to file Form 990 annually. The form calls for detailed financial information.

Wood said church-related institutions can use "petitioning" to call on the president and the Treasury Department to "revise, re-examine or even rescind" the IRS definition of 1977.

He said correspondence and contacts with the White House — an example of what he means by "administrative remedies" — have drawn no response to the issue of the financial accountability of churches, church agencies and institutions.

In "judicial remedy," a Southern Baptist organization might refuse to comply with the regulation with the full intention of entering into litigation and court action against the ruling.

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Lee Laymen Equip Disaster Vehicle

By Tim Nicholas

Churches of the Lee Baptist Association are equipping a 40-foot moving van which will serve as a mobile disaster relief vehicle for the state of Mississippi.

The 40-foot moving van which will be headquarters for Baptist involvement in disaster relief work is in Nettleton, undergoing sandblasting prior to painting and equipping. The work will take about six weeks.

Owned by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, the van will be a self-contained unit which will house a trained six man team of disaster relief workers, and provide mass feeding of disaster victims.

Estimated value of materials for construction of the disaster relief equipment is \$28,000. Volunteers, led by Glenn Hester, a Nettleton contractor, will install a 680-gallon water system, an electrical system with a 20 kilowatt generator, kitchen facilities, and living quarters for a six man crew.

In addition, a communications center will be installed for contact with Civil Defense channels, the state network of county sheriffs, the Red Cross, and with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta which also aids in disaster relief.

The idea for the project came from Hester's pastor, Bill Smith, of First Baptist Church in Nettleton. Smith approached Paul Harrell of the state Brotherhood Department saying that Hester and some other men were interested in taking a mission work trip to California (Some had discussed going to Ecuador.)

Harrell suggested either the trip or staying home and working on the van.

Then other men in the church volunteered to do part of the labor on the van and the group took on the project.

J. O. Cook volunteered to do the sandblasting and outside painting of the van. Larry Alred a paint contractor agreed to do the inside paint work. Thomas Dodd a local businessman agreed

to see the electrical work was done. Billy Joe Ratliff will do the lettering on the van. All are members of FBC, Nettleton.

At that point, Harrell approached Harold Anderson, Lee County director of missions and Leo Barker, associational moderator and pastor of FBC, Baldwin, about the possibility of making it a county-wide project. The executive committee voted to adopt the financing which will be up to \$28,000 for equipment. Thus far, all manpower is being donated.

Smith whose church has a resident membership of 285, says that this commitment has opened up a vision of Bold Mission Thrust. "It's something they can see. It's getting down to the nitty-gritty of helping people."

Says Alred, 32, "every man's got to do his part to build a church and... let people know this church is interested in doing mission work."

The Baptist relief work will be coordinated with Red Cross and Civil Defense operations in the event of a disaster such as a tornado or flood, according to Rusty Griffin, Lee County Baptist coordinator of disaster relief work, and staffer with the state Baptist Brotherhood Department.

The task force which will deploy to (Continued on page 3)

Clarke To Inaugurate Harris As President

S. L. Harris will be formally inaugurated as president of Clarke College, Newton, on Saturday, April 1. The inauguration ceremony, to take place in the sanctuary of First Church, Newton, will begin at 2:30 p.m.

A reception honoring Dr. and Mrs. Harris will follow the ceremony, according to Gary N. Garner, dean of academic affairs and chairman of the inauguration committee.

A. C. Johnson, chairman of the Division of Social Sciences and Business at Clarke, will preside. W. L. Compere, president emeritus, will offer the invocation. Hardy Denham, pastor of First Church, Newton, will read the scripture.

Greetings to the new president will

be brought by Mary Jayne Myers, chairman of the Division of Natural Sciences at Clarke; Doug Broome, president of the Student Day Association; Lewis Nobles, president of Mississippi College, representing the academic community of Mississippi; and George F. Capps, Jr., associate executive director of the Education Commission, SBC.

Bringing the charge during the investiture will be Kermit McGregor, Chairman of the Mississippi Baptist Education Commission. Dr. M. L. Flynt, Jr., president of the Clarke College Board of Trustees, will present the presidential medallion. The dedicatory prayer will be led by John Claypool, pastor of Northminster Church, Jackson, and former pastor of Harris in Texas. Herman A. Milner, vice-chairman of the Clarke College Board of Trustees, will offer the benediction.

Music will be provided by the College Choir under direction of Clark Adams, acting chairman of the Division of Languages and Art, and Mary Vermillion, instructor in organ at the college.

Delegates from institutions of higher education in Mississippi and throughout the nation will take part in the academic procession. They will be joined by representatives from educational, governmental, and religious agencies and organizations.

Harris, a Texan, came to Clarke College in mid-summer of 1977. He holds degrees from Howard Payne University, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Sam Houston State University, and Western Colorado University. His career includes pastoral, campus ministry, and college teaching.

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S. L. Harris

Cable TV Ministry's Only Limitation Is Manpower

By Tim Nicholas

A young woman who had moved months earlier to New Albany, Miss., was having a few of her new friends over for a bridge party. Somebody remembered that First Baptist Church was having a prayer service on television that evening. "Let's watch it," they said.

That night the woman says she did some serious thinking, visited the church during revival services that week and soon moved her membership from her home town.

This is a visible result of a ministry that only two known Southern Baptist churches in Mississippi are involved in. First Baptist Church in New Albany and First Baptist Hattiesburg, lease and operate cable television channels.

The effect of these leases is that the churches are free to produce and telecast their own programming for subscribers to the cables.

Free isn't exactly the best word. This kind of ministry takes money and manpower. The Hattiesburg church spent \$89,000 in equipment and about \$8,000 in construction to get started. New Albany didn't purchase its equipment outright. It uses equipment on a lease-purchase plan for about \$100 per week, which includes lease of the cable channel. Hattiesburg pays about \$100 per month for just the cable.

And the manpower is more than just an occasional technician. Hattiesburg has the services of full time engineer Mike Gustine. New Albany will have a full time general manager when Buster Wilson finishes Blue Mountain College in May. Minister of education at Hattiesburg, Farrell Blankenship, serves additionally as general manager of the church's cable station.

All others involved in programming and production are volunteers.

Blankenship, who is working on a

master's degree in mass communication at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, says his church got into cable broadcasting for three reasons. "For an expansion of our Christian witness, to enable some people to share in our services and to provide programming to give viewers a choice," he says.

The expansion of a witness has a numerical significance. First Baptist in New Albany has a Sunday School attendance of 500 in a town of 9,000. They have 1,500 on the cable. First Baptist in Hattiesburg has about 600 attending Sunday School with 10,000 cable subscribers.

Both have local nursing homes, motels and county hospitals as subscribers. A Sunday School class in Hattiesburg pays for one of the nursing home subscriptions.

W. F. (Pete) Evans, pastor of FBC New Albany says that if he went to

another church tomorrow, he'd try his best to get the church into a cablevision ministry. He sees both ministry and community service as an integral part of the programming.

His church has televised parades and political speeches in town. The big July 4th parade is shown live. They tape for replay local football games and basketball games "according to where the lights are," says Evans.

Evans gives noonday devotional talks out of the little makeshift studio of Cablevision 2 in New Albany. Director of missions, Guy Culver has a weekly "Religion in the News," program. They show garden club programs and interview the mayor occasionally.

Last August the community had a beer election. "We won — two to one," says Evans, who had opposition telecast. "We interviewed laymen and

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Training Day Moves To Grenada

Baptist Training Day is moving.

In the past, this one day offering of church study courses by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board has been held in Jackson. The quarterly Training Day for the second quarter of 1978 will be held in Grenada at First Baptist Church, April 4.

This day will feature use of age group video cassette teaching tapes. The sessions begin at 9:30 a.m., concluding at 3:30 p.m.

Names of conferences, leaders and prices of books for the courses follows:

Conferences	Leaders	Book Prices
Getting on Top Of Your Work	Lee Prince	\$1.52
Helping Teachers Teach	Bryant Cummings	\$2.05
Teaching Adults In The Sunday School	Mose Dangerfield	\$2.05
Teaching Youth In The Sunday School	Larry Salter	\$2.05
Teaching Children In The Sunday School	Billy Hudgens	\$2.05
Teaching Preschoolers	Patsy Wilson	\$2.05
Church Member Training Manual	Kermit S. King	.95
Musical Experiences With The Autoharp	Charlotte McElroy	\$3.94
Congregational Singing	Lloyd Mims	\$1.38
WMU Work In The Association	Marjean Patterson	\$1.58
Brotherhood Program Of A Baptist Church	Dan West	\$1.84



W. F. Evans, pastor of FBC, New Albany, broadcasts live a noonday devotional over the cable channel the church leases.

Southern Baptist Convention

Georgia World Congress Center

June 13-15, 1978

Atlanta, Georgia

Theme: "Bold Mission Thrust - If it is to be, it's up to me!"

Tuesday Morning, June 13

9:00 Music For Inspiration—Sons of Jubal and Jubalhairs, Paul McCommon and Wade Davis, Atlanta, Ga., directors
9:30 Call to Order
Congregational Singing—Paul McCommon, Atlanta, Ga., director
Scripture
Prayer
9:45 Report of Registration and Constituting of Convention—Lee Porter, Nashville, Tenn.
Report of Committee on Order of Business—Marian Grant, Raleigh, N. C., chairwoman
Welcome—George Busbee, Governor of Georgia
9:55 Response
10:10 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers from Other Baptist Bodies
10:20 Convention Photograph
10:25 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions, Committee on Tellers
10:30 Congregational Singing, Paul McCommon, Atlanta, Ga., director
10:35 Music—Lanny Allen, San Antonio, Texas
10:40 President's Address—Jimmy R. Allen, San Antonio, Texas
11:10 Report of Executive Committee (First Section)—Porter W. Routh, Nashville, Tenn.
11:40 Business
Introduction of Resolutions
Miscellaneous Business
12:30 Benediction

Tuesday Afternoon, June 13

2:00 Music For Inspiration—Brewton-Parker College Choir, Mt. Vernon, Ga. Hildegard Stanley, director
2:30 Congregational Singing—Charles Muller, Columbia, S.C., director
Scripture
Prayer
2:45 Election of Officers
2:55 Reports
Executive Committee (Final Section)—Porter W. Routh, Nashville, Tenn.
3:35 Home Mission Board—William G. Tanner, Atlanta, Ga.
3:55 Sunday School Board—Grady C. Cothen, Nashville, Tenn.
4:15 Education Commission—Ben C. Fisher, Nashville, Tenn.
4:25 Business
Introduction of Resolutions
Miscellaneous Business
4:45 Benediction

Tuesday Evening, June 13

7:00 Music For Inspiration—The Centurymen, Buryl Red, N. Y. City, director
7:25 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Nashville, Tenn., director
7:35 Scripture
Prayer
7:45 Business
Election of Officers
Miscellaneous Business
8:05 "My Church in Bold Mission Thrust"
—The Centurymen, Buryl Red, N. Y. City, director
—Jeannette Clift George, Houston, Texas
—William G. Tanner, Atlanta, Ga.
—Grady C. Cothen, Nashville, Tenn.
"If it is to be, it's up to me!"
9:30 Adjourn

Wednesday Morning, June 14

9:30 Music For Inspiration—Singing Churchmen and Women of South Carolina, Thomas H. Westmoreland, Columbia, S. C., director
9:50 Congregational Singing—James C. McKinney, Fort Worth, Texas, director
Prayer
9:45 Election of Officers
Committee on Resolutions (First Report)
Reports
Committee on Committees
10:20 Committee on Boards
10:25 Foreign Mission Board—Baker J. Cauthen, Richmond, Va.
10:45 Annuity Board—Darold Morgan, Dallas, Texas
10:55 Christian Life Commission—Foy Valentine, Nashville, Tenn.
11:05 Woman's Missionary Union—Carolyn Weatherford, Birmingham, Ala.
11:15 Congregational Singing—James C. McKinney, Fort Worth, Texas, director
11:20 Music—William R. O'Brien, Richmond, Va.
11:25 Annual Convention Sermon—Jesse C. Fletcher, Abilene, Texas
11:55 Miscellaneous Business
12:15 Benediction
(NO SESSIONS WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON—OPEN FOR OTHER EVENTS)

Wednesday Evening, June 14

6:30 Music For Inspiration—Union Baptist Church Choir, Atlanta, Ga.
Mrs. Emma McCall, director
6:55 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Nashville, Tenn., director
7:05 Scripture
Prayer
7:15 Presentation of Past SBC Presidents
7:30 "My Life in Bold Mission Thrust"
—Sarah Frances Anders, Pineville, La.
—Missionaries
—Baker J. Cauthen, Richmond, Va.
"If it is to be, it's up to me!"
9:00 Adjourn

Spiritual Emphasis Week

At Clarke Set April 3-6



Kelly Brasington

Bold Missions in Mississippi, in America, and around the world will be the theme of Clarke College's annual Spiritual Emphasis Week scheduled for April 3-6.

In addition to meetings at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., individual conferences and informal discussions will be held. Speakers are slated to share mission information and challenge.

Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Con-

vention Board, will launch the series with a Monday night and Tuesday appearance.

Cecil Etheredge will represent the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga. He is national consultant on ministries to migrants, blind, and juvenile delinquents. He will speak on Tuesday night and Wednesday.

On Wednesday night and Thursday, J. Bryan Brasington, of Richmond, Va., area secretary for Western South America, Foreign Mission Board, will be featured. Brasington administers the work of missionaries assigned to Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Chile.

The Clarke Spiritual Emphasis Week is under the general direction of J. B. Costilow, director of religious activities at the College.

Montreal (RNS) — Chris Speier, shortstop of the Montreal Expos, and Joe Rudi, left fielder of the California Angels, have formed a group called Athletes for Life to fight legalized abortion.

Evangelism Institute Must Be Limited To Missions Directors, Evangelism Chairmen

Growing An Evangelistic Church Training Institute will be at Gylfshore Baptist Assembly on April 17-20. "It was intended that pastors and staff members from all across the state would be invited," said Roy Collum, director of evangelism, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. "However, since food services will be only adequate to take care of a much smaller number so early in the season only directors of Associational Missions and Associational Evangelism Chairmen are invited."

Thursday Morning, June 15

9:00 Music For Inspiration—Louisiana College Choir, Pineville, La., Arnold Epley, director
9:30 Congregational Singing—John V. Glover Jr., director
Scripture
Prayer
9:45 Reports
Radio and Television Commission—Paul M. Stevens, Fort Worth, Texas
10:00 Six SBC Seminaries—Landrum Leavell II, New Orleans, La.
10:15 Stewardship Commission—A. R. Fagan, Nashville, Tenn.
10:25 Music—Joseph Blanton, Raleigh, N. C.
10:30 "The Power of Television, a Status Report."
—Media presentation with well-known TV personalities (to be announced)
"Morality in Television—A Plan for Action"—Harry N. Hollis Jr., Nashville, Tenn.
11:00 Reports
Historical Commission—Lynn May, Nashville, Tenn.
11:10 Southern Baptist Foundation—Hollis E. Johnson, Nashville, Tenn.
11:20 American Baptist Seminary Commission—Ben C. Fisher, Nashville, Tenn.
11:25 Brotherhood Commission—Glendon McCullough, Memphis, Tenn.
11:35 Committee on Baptist State Papers—H. Franklin Pischall, Nashville, Tenn., chairman
11:45 Business
Committee on Resolutions (Final Report)
Miscellaneous Business
12:15 Benediction

Thursday Afternoon, June 15

1:30 Music For Inspiration—Parade of Evangelistic Singers
2:30 Congregational Singing—Richard Barrett, Bremen, Ga., director
Scripture
Prayer
2:45 Reports
Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs—James E. Wood Jr., Washington, D. C.
2:55 Baptist World Alliance—Robert E. Denny, Washington, D. C.
3:05 Denominational Calendar—William T. Brannon, Glendale, Ariz.
3:10 Music—Cynthia Clawson, Nashville, Tenn.
3:15 "America's Need for Spiritual Awakening"—Martin Luther King Jr., Atlanta, Ga.
3:45 Prayer Service for Spiritual Awakening—Forrest Feezor, Shelby, N. C.

Thursday Evening, June 15

7:00 Music For Inspiration—Massed Men's Choir, Paul McCommon, Atlanta, Ga., director
7:25 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Nashville, Tenn., director
7:35 "My Family in Bold Mission Thrust"
—D. Elton Trueblood, Earlham, Pa. "The Family in Crisis"
—Ken Medema, Upper Mont Clair, N. Y.
—Angela Cofer, Baton Rouge, La.
—Jimmy R. Allen, San Antonio, Texas
"If it is to be, it's up to me!"
9:30 Adjourn

Convention Officers

Jimmy R. Allen, SBC president, pastor, First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas
Olan Runnels, SBC first vice president, pastor Swope Park Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.
Richard Sutton, SBC second vice president, physician, Topeka, Kansas
Martin Bradley, SBC recording secretary, manager, research services department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.
Lee Porter, SBC registration secretary, consultant, Sunday School department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.
Porter W. Routh, SBC treasurer and executive secretary-treasurer, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Tenn.
W. C. Fields, SBC press representative, assistant to the executive secretary and director of public relations, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Tenn.
William J. Reynolds, SBC music director, church music secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board.



Stuart Arnold preached a sermon each from the Old and New Testaments. Arnold works for the Baptist Sunday School Board. (Photos by Tim Nicholas.)



Dale Moody, professor of Christian theology at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky., led one of the Bible studies during the Bible Conference.

Bible Conference Speakers

Draw Sermons From Exodus

Two of the major presentations during the state Baptist Bible Conference held last week in Jackson were plucked from Exodus: one from the incident of the burning bush, one from the wilderness experiences of the Israelites.

Wayne Dehoney, pastor of Walnut



"Joy" a group from the choir of FBC, Jackson, sang during the Bible Conference. They are (left to right): Allyn Mann, Debbie Gentry, Brenda Warrington, and Lucy Redd. Larry Black, minister of music for First Baptist of Jackson, led music for the two day conference.

Street Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky., told of Moses' lost dream. "He was born to lead a nation," but for 40 years he led donkeys and sheep and cattle, said Dehoney.

Then Moses had his experience at the burning bush. "That bush was his own life," said Dehoney. "He had been on fire, but the fire went out," as do many of our fires. Why? asked Dehoney. "Because God's not in the fire" and because we try to do it ourselves."

Dehoney said the essential question is "Can I have an experience like that where my life can be turned around?" He answered, "Yes. Moses was no special favorite of God. He'll burn a bush for you if you'll let him." But Dehoney said Moses had to go face a Pharaoh after his experience at the bush.

"God doesn't send us into a worship service just to have our hearts warmed and emotions stirred," he said. "If we see the burning bush, we must go to Egypt."

Stuart Arnold, consultant for the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, related God's leading the people of Israel into the wilderness to the preparation He makes Christians go through.

"What we often regard as the most direct route is not God's route. Many

people have said that the Lord was not leading them because He was not leading them in the path of their own choosing," said Arnold. He said people often need preparation to face future opposition. "We are not ready to face the Philistines," he said.

Additionally, Arnold preached on the love God has for people and Dehoney spoke of the question of people believing that God has the power to make them whole.

The Bible conference offered eight 5 hours and forty minute sessions of Bible Book teaching. The books included: I Peter, Matthew, Ephesians, Romans, Nehemiah, Acts, Hebrews, and Galatians.

This year's Bible Conference, sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will be the last as such. Beginning in 1979, the Bible Conference and Evangelism Conference will be combined. It will be the statewide Evangelism-Bible Conference to be held Feb. 12-14, 1979, at a place to be announced shortly.

Indianapolis (RNS) — Congregations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ have been asked to study the question of whether their denominations should merge.

Newsbriefs In The World Of Religion



Manila, Philippines — Copies of 25,000 Good News Bibles were recently moved out of Baptist Center storage of the Philippine Baptist Mission, Manila, to complete the sale of one of the largest quantities of Bibles on the Philippine market. Southern Baptist missionary Charles E. Hawkins, coordinator of the massive Good News Bible project, credited the successful and rapid movement of the Bibles to a ripe market and a partial subsidy made possible by the Foreign Mission Board and the American Bible Society.

Chicago (RNS) — The Priests' Senate of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago has established a collective bargaining commission to study the subject of labor-management relations as it applies to workers in Catholic institutions, particularly those under archdiocesan jurisdiction.

Bangalore, India — Two Southern Baptist missionaries were elected officers of the Karnataka Baptist fellowship when the organization met in this city recently. Dr. Rebekah A. Naylor of Texas will be vice president and J. A. (Jason) Lee of Arkansas will serve as treasurer.

Madrid, Spain — The extension department of the Spanish Baptist Theological Seminary in Madrid now has its first graduate, Moises (Moses) Campana, a layman and member of the First Baptist Church of Alicante. The department offers courses by correspondence to laymen and pastors unable to attend classes on campus.

Charlotte, N. C. (RNS) — The PTL religious television network, which has had differences with local and state officials on such issues as taxes and fund solicitation registration, will move just across the state line to York County, South Carolina.

Lusaka, Zambia (BP) — An emergency allocation of \$25,000 has been sent by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board for missionaries to use in relief projects related primarily to flooding in the Kanyama Township section of Lusaka.

Polk Wins Judges' Trophy

Sammy Polk of Prentiss won the judges' trophy on February 25, 1978 for outstanding organ participant in the State Music Festivals of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Church Music Department.



Polk performed the hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" by Beethoven and "Cortege et Litanie" by Marcel Dupre.

Sammy, 16, studies organ under Paul D. Andersen, associate professor of music at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Sammy is organist at Prentiss Baptist Church in Prentiss and is also a member of the American Guild on Organists.

Randall Hall, 17, of Jackson, was a co-winner of the judges' trophy in piano along with Lisa Harpole, a Columbus senior.

Randall performed "Praise the Lord" "The King of Glory," and a suite by Bach. He studies piano with Mrs. B. H. Kenna.

Inaugurates...

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ing and administrative experience. For the nine years prior to his election to the Clarke College presidency, he was associate professor of sociology and counselor at the Northeast Campus, Tarrant County Junior College, in Fort Worth, Texas.

Baptist Joint...

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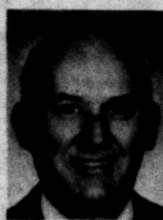
"The hope would be that the federal court would find the entire regulation unconstitutional," Wood explained. "We believe that it is in violation of the First Amendment."

Institutions could also seek a legislative remedy for the regulation by securing the introduction of a bill in Congress which would modify or even rescind it, Wood said. He stressed that any Southern Baptist organization should seek legal guidance before attempting any of the three remedies.

First Of Man And Boy Rallies Set In South Mississippi



Holifield



McDaniel

The first four of a series of Man and Boy Rallies will meet in the first two weeks of April.



Kennedy

The rallies, sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Brotherhood Department are designed to provide fellowship, inspiration, and mission information to men and boys in Mississippi.

Temple Baptist Church in Hattiesburg will host the first rally on April 6. FBC, Biloxi will host one on April 7. Then on April 13 a rally will take place at Highland Baptist Church in Meridian; and on April 14, FBC in Crystal Springs will be host.

Each program will begin with supper at 7 p.m. at a cost of \$1.50 per person.

Inspirational speaker for the Hattiesburg and Biloxi rallies is Major C. McDaniel, Jr., missionary to Seoul, Korea where he works in music pro-

motion. He and his wife are both Mississippians. Just before he was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1973, he was music director for First Baptist Church in Natchez.

In Korea, McDaniel helps with seminars in conducting, accompanying and choral techniques.

The Meridian and Crystal Springs rallies will feature Robert A. Holifield as inspirational speaker. He is a Southern Baptist missionary stationed in Rome, Italy. He and his wife are co-directors of the Betania Baptist

Evangelistic Center in Rome.

Just before his appointment to foreign missions, he was pastor of Indian Springs Baptist Church in Laurel.

Music leader for the first four rallies will be Ricky Kennedy, who is pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Hazlehurst.

Four more rallies are scheduled for later in the month in Sardis, Tupelo, Greenwood and Louisville.

For reservations, write Brotherhood Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

Secretaries Will Hear Joel Haire, West Point

Counseling, letter writing, and bulletin layouts will all be discussed during a Secretaries' Conference in Jackson, April 17-18.

The conference, sponsored by the Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will take place at the Baptist Building, beginning at 1 p.m., April 17. It concludes at 11:50 a.m. April 18. An optional banquet will be held at Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson, at 6:30 p.m., on the 17th.

Joel Haire, pastor of FBC in West Point, will lead sessions on effective communication. Doris McWilliams, pastor's secretary at FBC in Tampa, Fla., will speak on "Letters That Speak," and "Records That Tell."

In addition, special talks will be given by Eleanor Tankersley, executive secretary at Mississippi Valley Gas Company in Jackson, and Bettye Bingham of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board staff will lead a workshop on bulletin lay-outs.

J. M. Wood, minister of music at Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson



Haire



Tankersley



Wood



McWilliams

will lead the music for the conference. Conference costs are borne by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Cost of the banquet is \$4.50 and must accompany registration which is due by April 10. Write Leon Emery, director, Department of Church Administration and Pastoral Ministries, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

Shreveport Hosts Preaching Conference

NASHVILLE — National Conferences on Preaching will be conducted under the sponsorship of the Baptist Sunday School Board's church administration department in Shreveport, La., April 3-5, and in Charlotte, N.C., April 10-12.

The conferences are designed to focus on biblical preaching, to instruct pastors in sermon preparation and delivery and to help pastors evaluate their preaching.

The Shreveport conference, to be held at Ingleside Church, will feature William Hull, pastor of First Church, Shreveport; J. Ralph McIntyre, director of the Sunday School Board's church and staff support division; and Frank Pollard, pastor of First Church, Jackson, Miss. Lester Mason, minister of music at Highland Baptist Church, Shreveport, will sing.

Participants at the conference at Pritchard Memorial Church, Charlotte, will hear Jim Henry, pastor of First Church, Orlando, Fla.; Grady C. Cothen, president of the Sunday School Board; and Carl Bates, pastor of First Church, Charlotte.

Clyde Fant, pastor of First Church, Richardson, Texas, will speak at each session of both conferences.

There Must Be A Verbal Witness

By John Alexander, Director Stewardship Department

John the Apostle tells us that the word (Jesus) existed in the beginning, was face to face with God, and every existing thing came through Him. Life began to exist through Him and the light he gave mankind continues to shine for the darkness has never overpowered it. The word became human and lived a little while among men who saw his glory, one who was full of spiritual blessing and truth.

He continues to live among men today in the bodies of his believing followers. Like Him, they too are sent. He said, "Go, make disciples, baptize them, teach them, and I myself will surely be with you all the days, down to the very close of the age."

Emphasis, at times, has been placed on living your witness, and a witness who does not live the redeemed life is only a negative witness. But we must also realize that more must be done than "live" our faith, it must be vocalized, put into words. Paul pondered the question when he said, "For everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved. But how can they believe in

One about whom they have not heard? And how can people hear without someone to preach to them? And how can men preach unless they are sent to do so (Rom. 10)?

For salvation to take place there must be a verbal witness, the good news related by a living witness. This verbalization of the gospel is to be world wide and all-inclusive. Anything less is not following fully the commission of Christ.

A follower of Christ can and should live a life worthy of the gospel, but if men are to be saved, there must be a vocal witness sharing a living Christ with a dying soul. Men are indispensable to the task of preaching the gospel. There must be a verbal witness!

Like the affluent eunuch of Acts 8, one who is spiritually blind may read the scripture but someone who has experienced the message must interpret it for him. Philip the evangelist, breaking off a revival effort, was used of the Holy Spirit to "explain" what the eunuch was reading. Had the eunuch not talked with Philip, he would have returned to Ethiopia possessing a scroll of Isaiah but not knowing Jesus the Saviour.

Scripture distribution is most important, but it is incomplete without the living witness. The Holy Spirit did

not ask Philip to send the eunuch a copy of the scriptures. He already had that! Philip was called to go and explain the scriptures the eunuch possessed, but did not understand.

Paul wrote, "And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled in them that perish: in whom the God of this world hath blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should not dawn upon them" (II Cor. 4).

In describing the redemption of Christ Jesus, Paul says, "... the Father delivered us out of the power of darkness, and translated us into the Kingdom of the Son of his love; in whom we have our redemption, the forgiveness of our sins" (Col. 1).

Peter tells us "We are... called out of darkness into his marvelous light" (I Pet. 2).

A person who has moved out of spiritual darkness into the marvelous light of God is an absolute "must" for the task of missions.

BOLD MISSION THRUST will become a reality when those who have been illuminated go to share their enlightenment with those still in darkness. There is no other way. There are no other plans!

Apartment Work To Be Investigated

An "Apartment Ministry Conference" will be held in the Learning Center of the Hinds-Madison Baptist Association Office, 802 Lakeland Drive, Jackson, on April 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This conference is sponsored by Christian Social Ministries.

David Beal, weekday ministries director of the Atlanta Baptist Associa-

tion, will lead the conference. "His knowledge and experience growing out of his work in metropolitan Atlanta certainly prepare him to offer valuable guidance to local churches in the Jackson area," states David Al Myers, director, Christian Social Ministries.

This conference is designed to assist the staff ministers of churches in leading a church into ministries in multi-

family dwelling units.

Help will also be offered to mission action leaders, outreach leaders, and other laypersons who have interest in reaching apartment dwellers with the Good News.

No pre-registration is required. No fee is charged. For those attending the morning session a luncheon will be provided.

Cable TV Ministry's Only...

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tried to get people out to vote," he says. Evans went visiting and the man who came to the door said, "I just saw you on television five minutes ago!" He joined the church.

Both New Albany and Hattiesburg televise their worship services. Both have Bible studies on the air.

In addition, Blankenship hosts "Popcorn Theatre" a weekly series of old western movies plus an installment of a serial thriller. Instead of commercials, they have minute devotionals.

Hattiesburg also has "Grandpa Adams Place," a weekly puppet show utilizing church kids as the voices of the puppets, and a thrice monthly local interview show, produced and hosted

by a couple in the church.

Bob Gray, music minister at New Albany, who will manage the station until Wilson finishes school in May, says they'll try anything within reason. "Manpower is the only thing that stops us."

Last year they even took a mobile unit to the state basketball finals in Jackson, getting special permission to tape the series which featured their own local team.

A community version of "The Messiah" was shown and each year New Albany televises their January Bible study. Betty Spires, the young woman who watched the prayer meeting before her bridge game was watching a special series of talks by Pete Evans directed to church members who had

gathered in the homes of people on the cable for cottage prayer meetings prior to a revival service last year. He is now planning to have televised a weekly children's program on the cable.

Evans has some ideas for ministry that he feels "a little bit modernistic for some of these preachers." He'd like to have deacons in the homes of shut-ins to administer the Lord's Supper at the same time the people in church are participating.

Once they even taped and televised a discussion of the church budget.

A service to other local preachers is a sideline of the television ministry. Other preachers get a chance to see and hear another preacher. One Hattiesburg pastor has called Brooks Wester (pastor of FBC) his pastor.

John Cobb Smith is production consultant in the television department of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. He is available to churches to help them determine what the opportunities of cable ministry are "up to the point of actually helping them get started," says Smith.

The Commission will design a system for a church. But they don't recommend shoestring budgets. "The systems our guys are designing — the video alone is running \$150,000-\$200,000," says Smith.

"There are cheaper things on the market and what a church has to realize when it gets into cable is that it is competing quality-wise with network programming," says Smith. "A \$300 black and white camera is just not going to make the quality video program that will compete."

The people at New Albany disagree. "We're not perfectionists," says Gray. "We're amateurs." They're even toying with the idea of hooking their black and white outfit into the Christian Broadcasting Network and blacking CBN out when they have something to show.

Smith, who has no tally of the total number of Southern Baptist churches involved in this type of ministry, admires a church that can produce its own programming such as New Albany and Hattiesburg have done. FBC in Hattiesburg produces more local programming than the commercial station in town. "You just cannot generate two or three hours of programming per day easily on a part-time basis," he says. "It's going to be a full time job for somebody."

"Cable can give us a forum to respond to some of the world's problems, but we aren't going to realize the full potential until we are willing to dedicate the resources to it in terms of production and promotion," he says.

Jim Bishop, member of FBC Hattiesburg and assistant professor of journalism at the University of Southern Mississippi, served on the committee that looked into the possibilities on cable ministry. He was opposed at first because of the financial outlay. Neither church has noticed any financial burden. Now, "I see it as a pioneering venture," he says. "We have the opportunity to step out into the unknown in faith."



Mike Gustine looks over cable equipment at FBC, Hattiesburg.



Farrell Blankenship is general manager of Cablevision 6 at FBC, Hattiesburg, in addition to being minister of education.

Sunday School Lee, Jackson To Lead Clinics On Literature Interpretation

Forrest Jackson and Tom Lee of the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board in Nashville will be leaders for Adult and Youth Literature Interpretation Clinics the week of April 10.

Jackson is design editor in the Youth Section. Tom Lee is adult consultant.

These interpretation clinics are being held in four areas of the state. Monday, April 10, the clinic will be held in Calvary Church, Jackson; Tuesday, April 12, First Church, Laurel.

Wednesday's meeting is scheduled for First Church, Durant. Friday, the clinic will be held at Oxford's First Church.

All four clinics are to be held in the church sanctuary beginning at 7 p.m. and concluding at 9 p.m.

All who teach youth and adults in Sunday School and department directors are invited to attend these meetings. They are designed to help churches decide which of the three curriculum pieces for these age groups is most suitable for their people.

Lee Laymen...

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disaster sites with the vehicle will be trained in first aid, orientation in disaster relief services, rescue work, and crisis counseling. The group will also have a small boat and a four-wheel drive vehicle for local transport.

The Brotherhood Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board is conducting a manpower search in the state for potential volunteers to work in disaster cleanup and reconstruction.

APRIL, 1978	
Sunday School	ADULT START-A-CLASS SUNDAY, APRIL 9 See Adult Leadership each month. SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS APPRECIATION BANQUET, APRIL-MAY See Outreach, February, 1978.
Church Training	CONDUCT BAPTIST DOCTRINE WEEK Conduct Baptist Doctrine Week, April 17-21. The book for adults is <i>The Doctrine of Man</i> by William L. Hendricks. See CHURCH: THE SUNDAY NIGHT PLACE promotion plan, page 26, for list of books recommended for each age division or consult your Church Study Course Catalog. BEGIN A NEW CHURCH MEMBER TRAINING GROUP If the church does not have an on-going New Church Member Training program, begin such a group following the spring revival. Materials available on literature order. Consultation available from Church Training Department. HIGH ATTENDANCE NIGHT IN CHURCH TRAINING, APRIL 2 Purpose: to focus the concern of the church on the training program. Scheduled on April 2 to avoid Easter Sunday.
Church Music	SINGING PRAYER MEETING Have a "singing prayer meeting" with prayer and praise through word and song. WITNESSING A congregation "sermon in song" with a thrust on witnessing (may be used with spring revival emphasis). HYMN OF THE MONTH "Why Do I Sing About Jesus", Hymn No. 429, New Baptist Hymnal
Brotherhood	MISSION PRAYER RETREAT The emphasis for the 1978 retreat will be Career Missions. Resource materials will be in April <i>World Missions Journal</i> , Probe and Crusader. APRIL 1 — MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR RA CAMPS!
Woman's Missionary Union	CONDUCT CHURCHWIDE MISSIONS PRAYER RETREAT, APRIL 1-30 Resources to be found in April-June issue of <i>Dimension</i> magazine. INITIATE PRAYER PARTNERS PROJECT, APRIL 1-MAY 30 Purpose of this is to enlist more prayer support for missions requests, including the need for missions volunteers. Resource material: April-June issue of <i>Dimension</i> magazine.
Stewardship	OBSERVE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM DAY, APRIL 16 To stress the importance and need for the Cooperative Program. Resources in <i>Baptist Program</i> and in leaflets available from the Baptist Building. Enlist educational organizations to help promote this special emphasis. Carry articles and line art on the Cooperative Program in church publications. CHRISTIAN FAMILY MONEY MANAGEMENT Schedule an adult study of the Church Training undated resource unit "Christian Family Money Management." Conduct Money Management conferences for each age group in the church.
Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries	NOMINATING COMMITTEE FULLY STAFFED AND TRAINED Purpose: (1) to assure that the program leaders can be selected and have time to become involved in the selection and training of their leaders before the new year begins. (2) to plan the program for next year. Resource: Church Nominating Committee pamphlet from Materials Services Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; Church Nominating Committee Kit, Baptist Book Store. LIFE COMMITMENT AND CHURCH VOCATION MONTH Theme: <i>Discovery: God's New Day</i> For Church Vocation pamphlets and other information, write state Church Administration Pastoral Ministries Department. APRIL 1 — MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR THE CHURCH STAFF DEVELOPMENT MINI-WEEK, GULF SHORE This week is for Ministers of Education, Ministers of Youth, Associate Pastors, Church Secretaries, Kindergarten/Day Care workers, Deacons and the families of each. See Gulfshore schedule, page 26.

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Editorials

Cooperative Program Sunday . . .

Another Word For Missions

Another word for the Cooperative Program is missions, for missions is the heart and soul of the Cooperative Program concept. Virtually every program or agency that receives support from Cooperative Program gifts is either a missionary agency or is engaged in some form of support of missions efforts.

April 16 is Cooperative Program Sunday all across the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Cooperative Program budget for Mississippi for this year is \$8,636,000 and by far the greatest portion of that is directly related to missions. Detailed copies of the budget are readily available, so there will be no need to reproduce it here, but some of the programs that are related to missions would be interesting to consider.

For instance, the Department of Cooperative Missions is well named, for this department deals specifically with missions efforts right here in Mississippi. The list of missions involvements of this department is too long to

present with this writing. Language missions is a very interesting aspect of the department's work, though at this time there is no language missions consultant. Through its language missions efforts, however, the department works through Paul Vandercook on the coast in a ministry to sailors who come to Mississippi ports on foreign vessels and also with Indians who are living in the coastal area and working in industry there.

Through Dolton Haggan, Mississippi Baptist work with Choctaw Indians in central Mississippi, and through Frank Ruiz we work with the Spanish speaking in the Delta.

These are all home missionaries performing ministries supported by the Cooperative Program. They are state missionaries also, for they are jointly employed by the Home Mission Board and the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. In addition, Gulf Coast and Jackson Associations share in the support of the work of Paul Van-

dercook.

In Mississippi the Cooperative Program also ministers in the Children's Village, in Baptist Student work, in Church Music, in Sunday School work, in Church Training work, in Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union emphases, in Christian education, and in many other areas.

Of the total Mississippi Cooperative Program budget, 32% is designated for causes outside the state. Of this amount, about half or some 16%, goes directly to the Foreign Mission Board for world wide missions. The total figure going to Southern Baptist Convention causes is \$2,763,520; and half of that amount is \$1,381,760, which goes to foreign missions. Then a sizeable amount of the SBC allocation goes to the Home Mission Board so that Mississippians are giving a substantial amount directly to missions through the Cooperative Program each year. Remember, a great deal of what stays in the state goes directly to missions also because of the cooperative ar-

rangement with the Home Mission Board.

Historically, Baptists have placed great emphasis on Christian education, and the largest amount remaining in the state goes for that purpose. The Christian education figure is \$1,555,000.

The Cooperative Program is not just an amount of money paid each month by the churches of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. It is a part of the life of every individual who contributes through those churches. It is the missionary doctor in Nigeria, the missionary teacher in Colombia, the evangelist in Nicaragua, and the agriculturist in Bangladesh. It is the preacher in Nevada, the Christian social worker in California and in New York, and the language worker in Texas. It is these ministries and many others multiplied many times over.

The Cooperative Program is not just a couple of words. It is eternal life for multiplied thousands of people all over the world.



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

As usually happens during spring holiday at schools around the state, we had several groups of visitors at the Baptist Building last week. A teens from Morrison Heights Church in Clinton came on Tuesday afternoon. These included Laura Dillmore, Doreen Bryant, Lisa Stewart, Judy Jordan, Jolynne Jones, Tina White, Susan Delancy, Teresa Carlock, Amy Wall, their leader, Mrs. Elaine Wall, and her assistant, Lisa Gilmore. I was especially glad to see them, because Ramona Hill and I claimed most of them as "our GAs" when they were in fifth grade.

All of you out there are invited to come and tour the Baptist Building at any time. Marylyn Crisler or Betty Ann Bailey will give you a tour or arrange for someone else to do so. But I want to give you a word of warning. If you do come, don't go out on the roof.

Soon after this building opened about ten years ago, I gave my nephew, Joe McWilliams of Yazoo City, a tour. Sixteen then, he came by one day to see where I worked.

I showed him the chapel on first floor, the kitchen on fourth floor, and all the offices around and between. When he realized the stairs continued to the roof he said, "Come on, let's get a good view of the city!" Since I had not been up there, my curiosity got the better of me and I followed.

We admired the treetops, the Capitol, and the First Baptist Church and then turned to go back down. The door was locked!

For a minute I was so full of panic I couldn't even think. I was too embarrassed to scream, and too scared to walk over to the edge and look down

four stories. I like being on planes and mountains, but I could never scale a cliff because I can't bear to look straight down a height of more than 15 or 20 feet. Four stories seemed like quite a drop.

Joe took out his knife and began working with the lock, but I saw he would never open the door that way.

Come Tour The Building

Since he wouldn't help me yell, I knew I had to do something. I thought of throwing my shoes over the side to attract attention, but was afraid I'd hit somebody on the head.

Finally I got up enough nerve to crawl over to the edge. I saw a man walking across the parking lot at the back of the Building. "Hey, mister!" I called. He looked all around him and couldn't see anybody.

"Hey, mister!" He looked again, this time up, and stood amazed to see a woman's head hanging over the side of the roof.

"Would you please ask someone to come up here and unlock this door?" He went inside, and soon Jack Roberts came up to let us back in.

Later I heard that someone else had the same experience the day the Baptist Building was officially opened. But I heard about it too late to do me any good.

Do come to see us, but if you go to the roof, remember you go at your own risk. See you soon?

Personally . . .

Missionaries Bring Revival

As Cooperative Program Sunday approaches I find myself with a heightened interest in its ministry as I am involved in a World Missions Conference in Tishomingo Association.

Being able to be a part of this endeavor with missionaries who serve all over the world is proving to be an interesting, a challenging, and an educational experience.

This is the Cooperative Program in the flesh gathered here in the northeast corner of the state. Foreign missionaries are Billy Love of Malaysia, Ray Fleet of Brazil, Stanley Stamps of

Nicaragua, and Keith Oliphant of Tanzania. Home missionaries are Stephen Aycock of Kansas, Ralph Cordell of Tennessee, Weldon Stevens of Washington, and Delbert Penrod of Illinois. We will be joined later in the week by Miss Martha Ellis of Alabama. The state missionaries are Clarence Cutrell of the Stewardship Department and I.

It is a rare privilege to be a part of this team and have the opportunity of visiting in many of the churches and the homes in Tishomingo Association. The people here are gracious and they

are hospitable. They surely know how to set a table.

I hope the members of the churches which are participating in the conference are receiving as much benefit from the presence of the team as I am as a team member.

Nothing will make the Cooperative Program come alive in the minds of those who support it as will being in contact with the missionaries who are serving all over the world as a result of that support.

Each morning of this week we have been having day rallies during which

each of the missionaries has been given time to tell of experiences in his area. Every day has been a revival time as these men who have gone around the world to serve God have shared experiences. The testimonies have been revelations of the hand of the Lord moving on their individual fields. The results described in each testimony, however, have been the same. The Lord has been there and has revealed Himself in powerful ways.

Surely the Cooperative Program is a priority of every church. It is the great Commission in action.

In the lexicon of youth, which fate reserves

For a bright manhood, there is no such word

As fail — Bulwer-Lytton — Richelieu.

Guest Editorial . . .

Church Swindles

J. Everett Sneed

Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine Occasionally, churches are victimized by some type of swindle. Professional con artists may find our congregations to be easy marks because, as Christians, we have a tendency to think everyone abides by our own standards. Furthermore, once a church has been cheated it may be reluctant to press charges. But good stewardship of the Lord's money requires that a church protect itself against such thieves.

Across the years there have been a variety of swindles, perpetrated against churches. These have included phony fund raisings, illegal bonding programs, and dishonest building construction. Of course, legitimate businesses which serve our churches in these areas should not be penalized because of the scoundrels.

One of the most recent reported swindles was a phony church directory company. Their plan was simple, they came to a church with a promise of a free church directory. They made pictures of the members of the congregation and returned to the church with the proofs. Many of the members paid in advance for personal copies of their pictures. The men left with the money

and the pictures were never delivered.

The most important question is, "How can churches avoid becoming the prey of cheats or swindlers?" First, they should always use the best business procedures. The task is easy for a church which uses the services of an old established firm, much reputed for its honest dealings in the community.

Sometimes, however, a church may decide to deal with a business that is not well known locally. It then becomes the responsibility of the church leadership to carefully check on the firm before making any presentation to the congregation. Several readily available sources of reference include the Better Business Bureau and the Chamber of Commerce.

It is highly advisable to contact others who have used the services of the same firm. It is always in order to tell a business that your church would like to check their references before any agreement is concluded. Ask them for a list of other congregations they have served. Direct contact should be made with several of the references. Such inquiries can avoid much future difficulty.

Finally, good business practice re-

quires written agreements. If the transaction involves large sums of money, the contract or letter of agreement should be checked by a credible attorney. Such a procedure will clarify the responsibility of both the congregation and the firm with which they are dealing.

A credible business will have no objection to written agreements or checking on references. Such procedures will provide protection for everyone. If a firm under consideration objects to proper business procedures, it is likely that a church should not deal with them.

If a church has become the prey of a swindle, the congregation should take appropriate legal action. This will provide the possibility of recovering losses. But more important, it will protect others from becoming victimized. Such response may also serve as a deterrent to potential criminals.

Good stewardship demands good business procedures. Everyone has a Christian obligation to use the money that the Lord has entrusted to him properly. Churches have an even greater responsibility for proper use of the money which has been dedicated to the work of the Master.

The Making Of Ministers

By G. Temp Sparkman

On any day of the week, and just about anywhere in this country, you can find a minister on the job. The ministers are out there visiting the sick, counseling with the troubled, sharing laughter with the joyful, meeting with committees, training teachers, leading choir rehearsals, preaching sermons, arranging youth or senior adult trips, and on and on. These ministers are from a long line of servants and leaders who have been available when the churches have needed them. We generally take for granted that this availability will continue. But when we are not taking it for granted, we ask ourselves, "Where do ministers come from and how are they made?"

Ask any pastor and he will tell you that God has called him to be a minister. Ask an hospital chaplain and she will tell you the same. And it is true: ministers are from God, for it is he who calls them to work with him in his great work. Some have tried to "enter the ministry" without this call and it has proved to be an unhappy decision. When the pressures have escalated they have had to face the fact that they were not meant to be ministers. Of course, some who have felt and responded to the call have, on down the road, felt God's leading in other directions. And there have been times when unusual circumstances have made it necessary for some to take up a different work. Still the truth stands, ministers are called of God.

While ministers are called of God, it is the church who calls out the called. The church helps the God-called minister to identify that call. This insight came most clearly to me at my own ordination as a minister. As I looked in the faces of the men and women in the congregation, and as I felt the hands of the deacons pressing on my head and heard their words of encouragement, I realized that these people are the ones who first helped me hear the call of God. It was the story of Samuel and Eli reenacted. I was, as was Samuel, hearing something. These men and women—school teachers, housewives, clerks, plant workers, merchants—told me, as did Eli, that if I kept hearing it I would respond, "Here I am." The voice kept coming, and I did as my parents in the faith told me. So, while God is the one who calls, it is the church who helps those who are called to identify what is happening to them.

Where do ministers come from? God calls; the church calls out the called. But where are they made, these ministers? Well, they are shaped for ministry in several ways. Obviously, the church which calls them out also has a great influence on what kind of ministers they will become. But it is our colleges and seminaries which begin the formal training of the minister. In these institutions, teachers and administrators who are sympathetic to the call of God help the future ministers

to form their general intellectual knowledge, to understand people and how to relate to others, and to interpret the scriptures in relation to the contemporary world. By the time of graduation from seminary—after hours of reading, questioning, classwork, paper-writing and ministry practice under supervision—these young men and women are ready to begin their careers as ministers.

Where do ministers come from? God calls; the church calls out the called. Where are ministers made? The primary education and specialized ministry training come from the colleges and seminaries. But the making of the minister does not stop there. To complete the cycle we now come full circle, for we are back to the church. And it is here that the minister's making is completed. Of special value is the minister's first church after seminary graduation. Here for the first time the pastor, for example, is full-time "on the field." There are no teachers there to assign his reading and no grading to motivate him to learn. It is a critical time.

But not all of the burden to become competent is on the shoulders of the pastor. The congregation has an important role in completing the making of the minister. This mutual responsibility begins when the church calls a minister. One pastor I know talks of this relationship as being like marriage. It is formed knowing that not all the problems can be worked out ahead of time. They have to be dealt with as they come. The important thing is that the minister and the church understand that each will make mistakes, but that they will work together to help people face and solve their problems, to build a strong fellowship, and to make the gospel known to all.

At this time of year when Southern Baptist are focusing on our colleges and seminaries, it is appropriate that we reaffirm the partnership between the churches and the educational institutions in the making of ministers. As long as persons are responding to God, "Here I am," we must have colleges and seminaries saying, "Here we are."

G. Temp Sparkman teaches religious education at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Letters to the Editor

Alcohol And Airlines

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is one of Southern Airlines ads (other airlines are offering the same) listing alcoholic beverages served with meals on nonstop flights to Atlanta. Please note breakfast is served with champagne!

Several years ago upon writing the president of Delta Airlines, I was advised that liquor was served because of keen competition in the transportation industry. But champagne with breakfast is ridiculous!

Of course this "luxury" is tacked on to help raise the air fares for non-drinkers.

Any suggestions?
Yours truly,
Mrs. William E. Agnew
Jackson, MS

Mississippi law forbids the advertising of alcoholic beverages in the state.

I don't know if that law would pertain to this situation. — Editor

Book Reviews

such as codes, papyrus, Septuagint, Dead Sea Scrolls. This is fascinating reading for both children and adults. Miss Trent was children's editor with the Sunday School Board, SBC, for 30 years.

CHURCH OFFICER AND COMMITTEE GUIDEBOOK by James A. Sheffield (Convention Press, 128 pp., \$1.25) This text is a valuable tool for church officers and church committee members in carrying out their duties. Chapter topics cover such areas as

why officers and committees are needed, duties of these groups, conducting effective meetings, and developing skills.

COMMENTARY ON ROMANS by Frederic Louis Godet (Kregel, \$12.95, 531 pp.) This in-depth exposition of the Greek text of Romans is a reprint of a work by a Swiss theologian who died in 1900. It is one of series of Classic Reprints for Pastor and Student.

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'80 Zambian Churches Have Four Full-time Pastors'

By Anne McWilliams

John Alexander, director of stewardship and Cooperative Program promotion for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, recently returned from Zambia. He met with Southern Baptist missionaries and Zambia Baptists to discuss a proposed stewardship emphasis for 1980.

Alexander has served as a resource person in various countries where Southern Baptists have missionaries.

In Zambia he met with missionaries and church leaders in four different

areas, at Lusaka, Kitwe, Livingston, and Serenje. Before leaving he suggested a basic design for stewardship teaching in the local churches.

Five Mississippi pastors went to Africa with Alexander, to lead a stewardship meetings in Kenya. They were Bob Hamblin, Ed North, Clark McMurray, Macklyn Hubbell, and J. Roy McComb. While the others remained in Kenya, Alexander went on to Zambia.

After four days with missionaries in the capital city of Lusaka, Alexander flew to Kitwe in the Copper Belt.

Alexander visited the Baptist seminary at Lusaka, where he met the missionaries and the twelve Zambian couples who live and study on the campus. "There are only four full-time pastors for 80 churches in the nation, so the seminary is seeking to train new leaders," he said.

At Livingstone, Alexander saw Victoria Falls, and visited Lonnie and Fran Turner, missionaries in their first term of service. Because of a drought, there is a scarcity of food in the Livingstone area, and some are starving. Knowing this, Alexander left most of his clothes in Lusaka and packed his suitcase with fresh vegetables for the Turners.

"Because the Zambian government is bankrupt," he said, "there is a food shortage all across the country. Shelves in stores are only 20 percent full, and the meat counters are empty. Missionary wives spend at least 30 percent of their time shopping for food, so that their families will have something to eat. They are very creative in using what they have."

"When one of the missionaries came in with a big sack of tea, I asked him why he bought so much. He said it might be all he could find in two or three years."

Alexander drove to Serenje with Jerry and Dorothy Hubbard, Mississippians from Tate County. Hubbard is an evangelist at the mission station there and he and his wife live on Kalwa Farm, an agricultural experiment station.

Leaders from the six Baptist churches in the Serenje area came to the conference center that has been built on the farm; Alexander directed a weekend stewardship emphasis for them, along with Don McNeely, missionary.

Kalwa Farm is near the memorial where David Livingstone's heart was buried. The 3,000-acre estate was given to the Baptists by Malcolm Moffat, great-grandson of David Moffat whose daughter married Livingstone.

Tom and Lucille Waddell, Southern Baptist missionaries, manage the farm. Alexander said that the Moffat furniture was left at the farm house when the Moffats died in the 1930's. "The walls were built 16 inches thick, to keep out the heat. The water comes from an irrigation ditch, and Mrs. Waddell cooks on a wood stove. Their electricity goes off at 10 p.m. On the farm they grow corn, vegetables, soybeans, citrus fruits, and fresh pineapple."

Because of the country's bankrupt status, the roads are full of potholes, Alexander said, and broken down cars are left stranded all along the roads because people cannot get parts to repair them.

When he and Don McNeely, business manager of the mission at Lusaka, were 75 miles from the nearest town or

phone, the accelerator cable in McNeely's car broke. The missionary tried an 8-inch piece of wire as a temporary cable and it worked.

Franklin and Paula Kikpatrick are in charge of the Sunday School and stewardship work of the Baptist Mission of Zambia. While Alexander was at their home in Lusaka, he observed that electricians were installing floodlights to discourage robbers.

After dark, there is much lawlessness and many homes have been robbed. Also, the hospitals were inefficient. Ruby Fulbright, missionary at Kitwe, had thought she would go to Malawi when her baby was born, but she was allowed to go to a hospital owned by a copper mine.

"The government is socialist; the political philosophy is humanism. The religions of the country include animism, Catholicism, Hinduism. Many people do not believe in or practice any religion," Alexander said.

He said that the missionaries in Zambia are "noble examples of dedicated and committed servants of our Lord serving in trying times and places. We who love and appreciate them can hold them up in our prayers, and through the Cooperative Program guarantee that their heavy load will be made a little lighter."

(For more details about missions in Zambia, read Alexander's Baptist Record column, "The Missions Task," for the next four weeks.)



Cartooning For Summer Missions

Joe McKeever, Spiritual Emphasis Week speaker at William Carey College on March 21-23, took time-out between sermons and dialogues to help raise money for the B.S.U. summer missions program. McKeever's talent as a cartoonist added a dash of the unusual to the event. Approximately \$100, at \$2 per sitting, was collected for summer missions through this activity. McKeever is pastor of First Church, Columbus. Ministerial student Lamar Massingill is his subject. (WCC photo by Jimmy McFatter)

Former Cuban Prisoner Among 43 Home Mission Appointees

DAYTON, Ohio (BP) — Directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, meeting in Dayton, Ohio, appointed 43 persons to missions service including a pastor released from prison last summer.

Appointees include two missionaries, five missionary associates, 18 US-2 missionaries (college graduates who serve in home mission for two years), and 18 pastors approved to receive financial aid.

Missionary appointees are Becky Sumrall of Louisville, Ky., and Gay Nichols of San Jose, Calif. Associates are Peter Cabrera of Sunnyside, Wash., Raffaele and Antonietta Manzi of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Benjamin and Carmen Valdes of Marietta, Ga.

Valdes, who will serve as a Cuban pastor in Atlanta, entered the U. S. this last summer after 12 years imprisonment in Cuba. Before his arrest during the Fidel Castro takeover, he was pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Lasdecimas, Cuba, and had served as a Cuban pastor since 1953.

Both he and Mrs. Valdes are graduates of the Baptist seminary in Cuba. She served with her husband in Cuba until 1963, when she and the four Valdes children moved to Marietta, Ga.

Special mission ministries US-2 appointees are David Benjamin of Shawnee, Okla., to serve in Columbus, Ohio; Mark Boes of Berea, Ky., to serve in Anchorage, Alaska; Kim Deniston of Ironton, Mo., to serve in Calgary, Alberta, Canada; Wayne Fagala of Tyrone, Okla., to serve in Lake Placid, N. Y.; Wendell Gibson of Barnwell, S. C., and his fiancée Melinda Bean of Nashville, Tenn., to serve in Jasper, Ala., after their marriage; Erlene Grise of Quality, Ky., to serve in At-

lanta; John Haeger of Tusculumbia, Ala., to serve in Beaver Lake, Colo.; Thomas Harrison of Swainsboro, Ga., to serve in Lake Tahoe, Calif.; Douglas Kauffman of Louisville, Ky., to serve in Eugene, Ore.; Annette Nielson of Danbury, Conn., to serve in Rochester, N. Y.; Don Phillips of Pine Bluff, Ark., to serve in Grand Canyon, Ariz.; and Marilyn Ray of Austin, Texas, to serve in State College, Penn.

Church extension department US-2 appointees are Jack Coggins of Orem, S. C., to serve in Prospect, Ore.; Rendell and Teresa Day of Birmingham, Ala., to serve in Alaska; Marty Hogue of Lancaster, S. C., to serve in Missouri; and Cynthia Market of Kenbridge, Va., to serve in Nebraska.

Becky Sumrall, a Troup County, Ga., native, will serve in Gadsden, Ala., as director of Christian social ministries from the Etowah Baptist Association. She is a graduate of Georgia College, Milledgeville, and earned a master of religious education degree in social work from Southern Seminary. She has served as a community minister in Louisville and in weekday ministries in Springfield, Mo. She taught in high schools in Thomson, Ga., and served three summers as a summer missionary.

Gay Nichols will serve in Spartanburg, S. C., as director of Christian social ministries. A native of Olive Oak, Fla., she is a graduate of Troy State University and holds the master of religious education degree from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

Prior to appointment, she worked as a day care center director for the Foxworthy Baptist Church, San Jose, Calif. She has also worked at Glorieta

(N. M.) Baptist Conference Center in the preschool building, as a US-2 missionary in Los Angeles, and as a summer missionary in Northern California.

Cabrera, a Uvalde County, Texas, native, will serve as a regional language missionary in Yakima Valley, Wash.

The Manzis will serve in Brooklyn as catalytic language missionaries. They are both natives of Italy.

Evangelists To Meet In Atlanta

The evangelists of the Southern Baptist Convention, the largest organized group of evangelists anywhere in the world will meet in Atlanta's historic Baptist Tabernacle (center of downtown) Wednesday afternoon June 14, from 12:45 to 4:30 p.m.

Speakers will be Bill Penley, evangelist of Fletcher, N. C., president of the group; Melvin Wise, evangelist of Atlanta, Ga.; Charles Chapman, evangelist of St. Louis, Mo.; and E. J. Daniels, evangelist of Orlando, Fla.

Puppet Training Seminar To Be At Biloxi

A seminar on the usefulness of professional-quality puppets as effective instructional tools is scheduled at the Bay Vista Church, Biloxi, on Saturday, April 1, from 12:30 to 4 p.m.

The three and one-half hour training sessions will be conducted by professional puppeteers from Puppet Productions, Inc., a San Diego, California company that has trained more than 45,000 persons in similar sessions.

Seminar sizes are limited to insure adequate personal attention so early registration is recommended. Individual registration fees are \$15.00 with reduced rates available for groups and families. For additional details and registration information, contact Dennis McIntire at (601) 388-1166.

Tupelo Pastor To Teach In Hong Kong

Charles Steele, pastor of East Heights Baptist Church in Tupelo will join a team of Alabamians who will leave in early April to spearhead a Stewardship Development Campaign in Hong Kong for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Each in the 25-person team will pay his or her own way and each will be assigned to a Chinese church to teach the book *Living the Responsible Life*, and lead the churches in preparing for a Bold Believers in Giving emphasis. This is part of a two-year evangelization campaign in Hong Kong.

In addition, the team will tour mission work in the Orient. The Hong Kong assignment lasts 11 days; the tour, 10.



Griffin Street Sends Team To Northwest

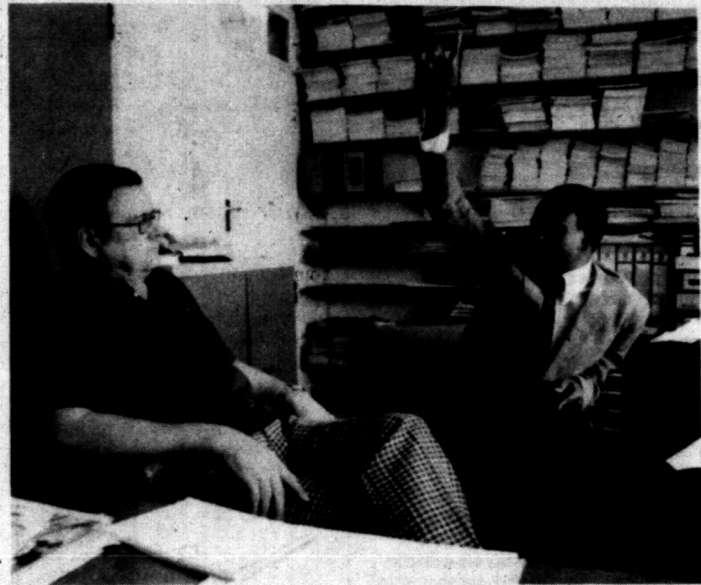
Griffin Street Church of Moss Point is sending its pastor, Athens McNeil, center, to Forks, Wash., as evangelist in an area-wide simultaneous revival.

Jack Whitfield is pastor of First Church, Forks. Bill Bailey, right, minister of music and youth, and Evie Jo Duckworth, left, organist for Griffin Street Church, are taking a week of their vacation and paying their own fare to serve as music director and pianist for this revival.

The team will fly to Washington April 1. McNeil will preach to the Olympia Baptist Area Association in semi-annual session at the First Baptist Church of Port Orchard, and from there travel to Forks to begin a week of evangelistic services in the First Baptist Church April 2.

This volunteer mission is a part of Bold Mission Thrust. The Pine Lake Mission of Griffin Street Church in Vanceboro is also having part in the sending of this team to the Northwest. Bob Louk is the mission pastor.

The team is going at the request of the Evangelism Department of the Olympia Baptist Association of Orchard, Wash.



"One Way," Joseph Mulizwa, right, tells John Alexander of Jackson. Mulizwa is office manager of the Bible Way Correspondence Course started in Zambia in 1964. There are 18,533 actively enrolled now in the five basic courses; since the beginning, 73,798 have enrolled, resulting in 13,046 professions of faith, Alexander visited Mulizwa's office in Lusaka.



Beyond the Ironing Board

A Woman's World Reaches Far

Wilda Fancher

Most good things in life are rather costly, aren't they?

Not things like houses, cars, lands, clothes, jewelry and securities. Things like being trustworthy, reliable, and dependable. That takes doing whatever needs to be done when it needs to be done and doing it well, even though something else might be more enjoyable or might be done with more ease.

Things like friendship. It takes thoughtfulness, consideration, being aware of unspoken needs, thinking of someone outside of self.

Things like family relationships. It

takes patience, giving some on desires in order to fit in with needs and desires of others in the family. It takes flexibility and the ability to relax.

Things like moral standards. Sometimes the cost is figured in popularity, in being ridiculed, in losing a bid on a job.

Things like being a Christian. Jesus said that it would cost us everything. That we must give up everything that we have if we want to be his disciples. When so many were following him one of the days Luke tells us about, he told them how expensive it would be for them if they followed him.

It is just as costly for us as it was for them. The rules have not changed. Consequently, it is costly.

But the returns are adequate for the cost. A price is not too high if the quality of the purchase is worth it. When one gives us everything he has in exchange for all things God has, the returns on the investment are at once astounding, steadily marvelous, and at last eternal.

Golden Gate To Install New President

MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP) — William M. Pinson Jr., will be installed as the fourth president of Golden Gate Seminary during inauguration ceremonies April 4.

Jimmy Allen, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will speak on the value of theological education at the event. Charles A. Carter, Jackson, Miss., attorney and chairman of the seminary's board of trustees will install Pinson. A number of denominational leaders will participate.



Buckley began his career in music as a child soloist at Goss Church, Columbia. His bass-baritone voice has been heard in revivals, concerts, state conventions, and evangelistic conferences across the nation. He has appeared also as soloist with symphony orchestras. He is now based in South Carolina.

Oklahoma Baptist Convention Drops Three More Hospitals

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP) — The board of directors for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma has started necessary action to divest the convention of ownership of hospitals at Enid, Grove and Miami, Okla., and to transfer ownership to the Oklahoma Health Care Corporation.

Divestiture action is already underway to turn over the Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City to Baptist Medical Center of Oklahoma Inc., a nonprofit, nonstock corporation composed primarily of Baptist laymen and ministers.

Transfer of the three smaller hospitals is subject to certain conditions imposed by the convention and to the approval of the Oklahoma Health Planning Commission. The hospitals will continue to be identified as Baptist hospitals.

Conditions for transfer are: 1. The Oklahoma Health Care Corporation will assume and "hold (the convention) harmless" from all debts, obligations and claims related to the hospitals; 2. All members and directors of the OHCC must be members of Southern Baptist churches cooperating with the convention; 3. The election of OHCC directors is subject to approval by the convention or its board of directors; 4. The Baptist chaplaincy program presently in effect at the hospitals is to be continued; 5. The OHCC is to refinance the present bonded indebtedness against the hospitals' properties; and; 6. No abortions on demand or gender dysphoria procedures (sex change operations) may be performed in the hospitals as long as they bear the Baptist name.

The revelation of gender dysphoria

operations at the Baptist Medical Center in 1977 and the subsequent protest from Oklahoma Baptists was a major factor in the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma feasibility study that led to the recommendation that the conventions divest itself of the four hospitals. Five other Baptist hospitals in Oklahoma have been transferred from convention ownership previously.

The board of directors in their December 1977 meeting said that continued operation of hospitals by Oklahoma Baptists has become "impractical" because of continuing and increasing encroachments "by the federal government and other entities" on the convention's ability to exercise operational control over the hospitals.

One anecdote of a man is worth a volume of a biography — Channing,

April "Baptist Hour" Listeners Learn How Judas Wore Two Hats

Judas Iscariot wore two hats. At least that's what Dr. Frank Pollard tells "Baptist Hour" listeners in April. He continues by saying that Judas was trapped by his way of life. "He wore two hats. He had a religious hat and a secular hat."

Pollard's April 2 sermon, "Are You Like Judas?" is one segment of "The Baptist Hour" series recorded in Bible lands. "The Baptist Hour" is a modified worship service produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. Heard in stereo, it is

broadcast weekly on more than 359 radio stations across the country.

Although Judas went to the synagogue, served as Christ's disciple and supported missionary causes, he had a keen interest in money and was influenced by power and success. "What about us today?" asked Pollard. "Is our way like Judas' way — loving things more than Jesus?"

Other April "Baptist Hour" sermons include "Jesus Is Coming Again," "Gamblers With Destiny," "A Man Who Went to Hell," and "A Man Who

Loves The Lord."

In "A Man Who Loves The Lord," Pollard tells listeners that the testimony of David's life is that it is best to follow God. "The path that God directs may lead us to face trials, but yet the path eventually leads to the Father's house."

"The man who loves the Lord also has many blessings in store, but to receive those blessings he must follow the Lord," Pollard bases this sermon on the 23rd Psalm of David.



Bill and Evelyn Osborn

San Jose Group Sponsors 3 Missionaries

Bill and Evelyn Osborn, former West Coast teachers and lay workers, recently taught the home mission book, "The Leaven and the Salt," at Calvary Church, Lamar County.

The Osborns showed slides and told of their work with Spanish-speaking people in southern California where he was pastor of a church in San Jose.

As a direct result of the Home Mission Board's building a church at San Jose, three missionaries were sent out and sponsored by this church.

One of the missionaries, an 81-year-old man, organized six churches in Mexico. His home church supported him and furnished the materials to build the churches.

A young lady went to Mexico to serve and teach, also supported by her church.

A retired printer went to Africa to translate and print Bibles for a heretofore unreached tribe. The San Jose church bought all materials and supported this missionary.

Osborn is now a teacher of psychology at William Carey College; he and Evelyn are members of Calvary.

Calvary's goal for the 1978 Annie Armstrong Easter offering is \$600, according to Lucy Clinton, WMU director for Calvary and also the Lamar County Association. Jim Beck is pastor at Calvary.

Homecoming And Revival To Mark 28th Anniversary

Plainway Church, Laurel, will observe homecoming April 2. Former members will be recognized in the 11 a.m. service. Dinner will be served on the grounds.

April 2 will also be the beginning of the spring revival with Jerry Nixon as guest evangelist. Services will be at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

On this same date the church will observe the 28th anniversary of the pastorate of Harold C. Ishee.



Nixon



Mrs. Billie Thorpe, left, and Miss Edwina Robinson pose in front of a quilt designed and made by the women of the Yazoo County Baptist Association. Each of the sunbonnet girls in the bears the names and dates of the State Woman's Missionary Union presidents for 100 years. Mrs. Thorpe is WMU Centennial Chairman for the Yazoo County Baptist Association. Miss Robinson, State Centennial Chairman, was guest speaker at the Yazoo County event. Mrs. James Yates is associational WMU director.

Walker Marks Third Year In Columbia

James E. Walker this month marks the third anniversary of his pastorate with Calvary Church, Columbia. Walker moved to Calvary after a 13-year pastorate with First Church, Flora.

A recognition service recently was extended the pastor, his wife, and daughter, Robin. Flowers were presented, words of appreciation extended, and a love offering given.

The Sunday School adopted the "Action" program which is now underway.

Walker has a five-minute period on the local radio station every Tuesday, and his program of visitation includes local homes, and the hospital, as well as hospitals in Hattiesburg, Jackson and New Orleans. He has inaugurated Bible reading program for reading the Bible through in a year.

The Walkers recently bought a lot in Columbia and erected a three bedroom home. One of their first entertainments in the home was a dinner for the deacons and their wives.

Revival Results

Ruth Church: March 17-19; youth revival; Bill Vail, preacher; Mike Sutton, song leader; Kenneth Charles Guy, pastor; two professions of faith. (Saturday was a day of retreat. A banquet was held on Friday night. Young people taught in the Sunday School on the 19th, with Susan Mason as acting director. Teachers were Jackie Pellegrine, Susy Davis, Pamela Mason, Angie Davis, Theresa King, Theresa Davis, Sharon Guy, Steve Smith, Mike Gunnell, and Jeff Davis.)

Calvary Salutes Carter

Carter Appreciation Day at Calvary Church, Newton, on March 12 was a day set aside by the church to pay special tribute to John and Mattie Carter the driving force behind the organization of the mission which became Calvary Church.

Spring flowers were furnished by the Carters' two sons, John T. and Henry Carter who, with their families, attended the day's events.

Juanita West led the Junior Choir in the Call to Worship, "Sweet, Sweet Spirit."

Former members returned to join with the congregation in honoring Dr. and Mrs. Carter. Music for the morning service included some of the Carters' favorite hymns.

The pastor, Henry Adams, delivered a message from Philippians 4:19, after which Carter, who had preached for the first three years at the mission, and later as interim pastor, stood again to address the congregation.

Adams read a letter from charter members, Mr. and Mrs. George Schurter, Dayton, Tn. They were unable to attend but expressed their love for the Carters by buying ten "In Honor" Gideon Bibles.

Albert Brady, one of the original 19 who started the mission, presented gifts of new spring outfits to Dr. and Mrs. Carter.

From 2 until 4 p.m., a reception for the honorees was held at the Calvary Family Life Center which was decorated with flowers and plants loaned by Mr. and Mrs. Brady, Artistic Floral, and Gift Mart, who also presented a gift plant to the Carters.

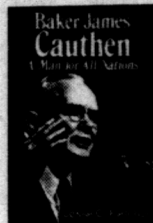
The tea table featured a Bible-shaped cake baked and decorated by Mrs. Elaine Sessums. There were 150 guests.

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Yazoo Women Give Fashion Show

The Woman's Missionary Union, Yazoo County Baptist Association, participated in a Centennial Arts and Crafts Fair and a Centennial Celebration on March 16 at First Church, Yazoo City. Pictured are women who depicted various fashion through the 100 years of Mississippi WMU. At the extreme left, the model is dressed in the actual wedding gown worn by Mrs. Webb Brame in 1904. The late Mrs. Brame was the wife of the pastor of First Church (Webb Brame), 1923-1951. Mrs. Brame

was also president of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union. Under her leadership the State WMU acquired property on which they built Camp Garaywa. "Live models," left to right are: Mrs. Charles Ward, Mrs. J. K. Nabers, Mrs. Jimmy Kettleman, Mrs. Basil Hilderbrand, Mrs. David Chisolm, Mrs. Tommy Smith, Mrs. Zack Ruggins, Mrs. V. R. Netherland, and Miss Linda Jenkins. The Fair included displays of antiques and quilts, plus a dinner for 100 women, and a pageant.

Staff Changes



James C. (Jim) Smith, is the new minister of music and youth at Calvary Church, Yazoo City. He moved to Mississippi from a similar position in Springfield, Va. Smith is a graduate of Louisiana College and Southwestern Seminary. He and his wife Donna have a son, Ashley.

Joe Abrams of Clinton has resigned as pastor of Spring Hill Church in Copiah County, following a period of service of two years. He was formerly associate editor of the Baptist Record.

Danny Lafferty, who moved from Grand Bay, Ala., where he was pastor of First Church, is the new minister for

Mt. Horeb Church (Lauderdale). Lafferty is a graduate of Mississippi College and has attended the seminary in New Orleans. He and his wife, Linda, are parents of three children.



Three Generations Baptized

Grace Memorial Church (Lee) reports that Pastor Joe Holcomb recently won to the Lord and baptized three generations of one family, pictured above. Mrs. Pauline Rogers, right, is mother of Mrs. Martha Bailey, grandmother of Jackie Bailey, and mother-in-law of Quitman Bailey, all four have joined the Grace Memorial Church.

Religious Leaders Hail Decision Of Oberammergau On Passion Play

NEW YORK (RNS) — Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish leaders have hailed the adoption of a revised version of West Germany's Oberammergau Passion Play by the town council of the Bavarian village.

By a vote of 9-6 with two abstentions, the council decided (Feb. 8) to use the 1750 text written by a Benedictine priest, Father Ferdinand Rosner, rather than the 1850 script written by a local parish priest, Father Joseph

Herbert Foreman has accepted the call to become director of activities and recreation at Southside Church, Jackson. He is attending Mississippi College. He goes to Southside from Highland Church, Jackson where he has been actively engaged in helping in their youth and recreation program.



Philip W. Guinn has been called as minister of music and Phillip E. Swearingin has been called as minister of recreation and youth at First, Batesville. He formerly served with Southside, Greenville. Academic preparation includes study at Samford, OBU, and Southwestern Seminary. Guinn is married to the former Julia Herring of Alabama, and has four children. Swearingin has served churches in Alabama and Missouri. He studied at Auburn and Alabama. He was a land buyer and job analyst for Alabama Power Company prior to entering the ministry. He is married and the father of one child. Robert E. Self is pastor.

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NAMES IN THE NEWS



Annie Rucker, second from left, has received a pin for 22 years perfect attendance at Sunday School. She is a member of Westwood Church, Meridian. Wayne Carlisle, left, Sunday School director, presented the pins. He also made presentations to Lisa Cumberland, seven years, Kim Moore, seven years, and Jay Cumberland, five years. Buford Usry is the pastor.



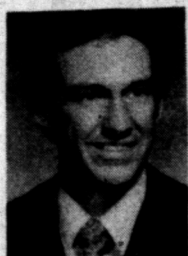
Romulus Searcy, 73, of Jackson, died March 15. Services were held March 16 at Wright and Ferguson Funeral Chapel. A member of Westview Baptist Church, Jackson, he was the husband of Prudie Searcy, former employee of the Baptist Record. Survivors other than his wife include two sons and three grandchildren.

Milt Hughes, a consultant with National Student Ministries, led members of William Carey College's BSU in a share seminar March 14-16. Twenty students took part in three evening sessions at Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg.

Hughes said "Witness is sharing the person of Christ with another through the vehicle of your own unique personality. It is joy unspeakable. It is an overflow of your own experience in Christ coupled with a desire to pass it on." Danny Swindle is director of religious activities at William Carey.



Frances Shaw (left), state Baptist Young Women director, was in Birmingham recently to begin framework plans for Woman's Missionary Union, SBC's, 1980-81 curriculum and activities. With her is Carroll Kelly, Baptist Women/BYW director from Missouri.



Fletcher



Harrison



Ray

A college president, a retired missionary, and a denominational leader have been named the 1978 Distinguished Alumni at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., according to Cecil Sherman, president of the national alumni association. Named were Jesse Fletcher, president, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex.; Helen Bagby Harrison, a retired Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil, residing in Waco, Tex.; and Cecil A. Ray, executive director of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Raleigh, N. C. The three will be honored during the seminary's annual national alumni meeting to be held in Atlanta, Ga., on June 14. More than 35,000 persons comprise the seminary alumni association.



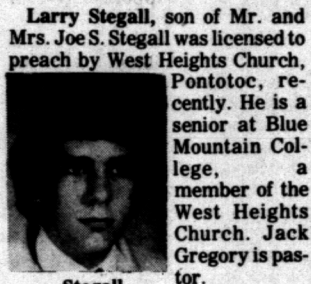
John Cobb Smith (left) of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission's television department, explains camera techniques for church services to Walter Price (right) of Tupelo, Miss., and Burbank, Calif., a student at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, and his communications art class teacher, Paul Brooks (center). In Tupelo Price was a member of Calvary Church. — Radio-TV Commission photo by Rachel Joy Colvin



THREE MISSISSIPPI ALUMNI OFFICERS were among those attending the seventh annual alumni affairs workshop at New Orleans Seminary. Shown with LANDRUM LEAVELL, Seminary president, are (left to right) JAMES HAYES, president of the NOBTS Music Alumni Fellowship; JOE McKEEVER, president of the state alumni association; and FRANK GUNN, past president of the national alumni association. The three were among more than 20 state and national officers attending the two-day conference. The annual meeting is held during the Southern Baptist Convention in June. — (NOBTS photo by Richard Dodge)



Richard and Susan Lister have released their new L. P. album entitled "PEACE THAT PASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING". The recording was made with the Sounding Board in Easley, S. C. and includes such numbers as "Victory In Jesus," "It Is Finished," and "Down Isn't So Bad." Both Richard and Susan attended Mississippi College. While there he was minister of music at First, Indianola, and First, Summit. They now live in Anderson, S. C., where he serves with the Forest Hill Church. Richard is a native of Belzoni, and his home church is First, Belzoni, Jasper P. Neel, pastor. For copies of this record, write: Richard Lister, 506 Lee Ave., Belzoni, Miss. 39038.

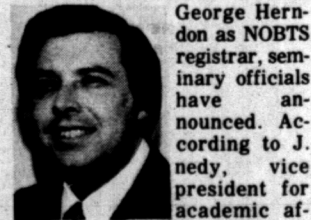


Stegall

Larry Stegall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe S. Stegall was licensed to preach by West Heights Church, Pontotoc, recently. He is a senior at Blue Mountain College, a member of the West Heights Church. Jack Gregory is pastor.

Geraldine Conner, Chairman of the Business Education Department at Blue Mountain College, accompanied a group of 20 business students to the Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference at the University of Mississippi on March 9 and 10. The following students placed in state competition: Miss Future Business Executive Contest; Debbie Randle, 2nd place; Miss Future Business Teacher Contest: Cindy Walker, 2nd place; Business Communication Contest: Cheryl Cortez, Phyllis Colson, Babs Graddy, 3rd place; Extemporaneous Speaking: Joyce Hodges, 2nd place.

John M. Flowers, Jr. is the recipient of the 1977-78 Middel Theology Award from Southeastern Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C. The award is made annually to the second year student who has achieved excellence in the study of systematic theology. Flowers is a native of Terry, Miss., and the son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Flowers, Sr., of Brandon.



Neal

Bart Neal, minister of music at Edgewater Church, New Orleans, has been elected to succeed George Herndon as NOBTS registrar, seminary officials have announced. According to J. nedy, vice president for academic affairs, Herndon has elected to take early retirement due to health reasons. Neal will assume Herndon's duties Aug. 1. Neal is a candidate for the Doctor of Education degree, according to Dr. Kennedy, and will complete his degree requirements during the 1978-79 academic year. He is majoring in the field of church administration and education.

James H. (Jimmy) Young, Jr., pastor of New Hope Church (Leake) was recently named Outstanding Young Religious Leader of 1977 in Leake County by the Square County Jaycees. He has been pastor at New Hope, his first pastorate, since December, 1975. He is married to the former Sarah Willey of Pelahatchie. They have a daughter, Rebekah Elizabeth. The award was presented at a banquet on Feb. 16.

Dale Owens, music evangelist, is making his headquarters in Jackson for the summer, and may be contacted at 372-7291. He is a specialist in organ concerts, piano concerts, and leading music in revivals. He recently led the revival singing at Byram Church, his home church.



Donna Bunn, senior from Blytheville, Ark. (left) has been chosen Queen of the April 1 spring festival at Blue Mountain College. Maid of Honor is Bonnie Cruse, a senior from Pontotoc.

BMC To Crown Festival Queen

The annual spring festival at Blue Mountain College will be held March 31-April 1 with nine special reunions and the coronation of the festival's queen.

Reunion classes include 1918, 1928, 1943, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973 and 1977. Donna Bunn, a senior from Blytheville, Ark., has been chosen Queen. Bonnie Cruse, a senior from Pontotoc, is Maid of Honor.

Activities slated for the week-end include the annual meeting of the school's ministerial alumni association which will get underway at 10 a.m. on March 31 in Berry Auditorium. Robert Naylor, president of Southwestern Seminary, will address the group at a 12:30 luncheon.

Later that afternoon, the executive committee of the national alumnae association will meet followed by a 6:30 p.m. reception honoring the nine reunion classes.

The national association's annual business meeting gets underway April 1 at 9:45 a.m. in Berry Auditorium with Mrs. Jean Lipsey Cotey of Murfreesboro, Tenn. presiding. A luncheon is slated after the business session with Mrs. Jean Lowrey Eek ('45) of Vienna, Va. speaking. The coronation of the Queen will take place at 3 p.m. An 8 p.m. presentation of "The Miracle Worker" by BMC's department of

theatre will conclude the week-end.

Senior maids are Mary Ann Moody, Karen Norman, and Renalda Pharr. Junior maids include Emily Crump, Tammy Stennett, and Marta Sobrino. Sophomore maids are Carolyn McChesney, Donna McCurdy, and Joni Angeletti. Freshman maids are Debbie Gray, Suzanne Morphis, and Laura Morris.

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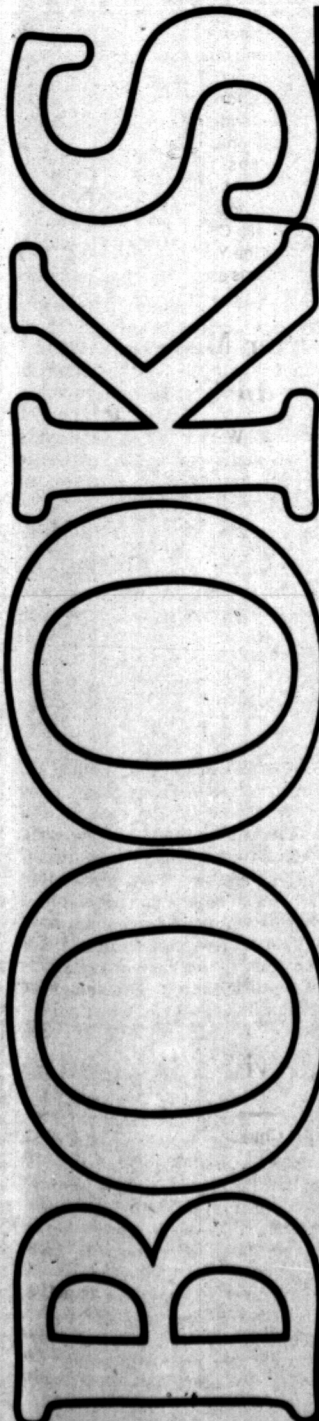
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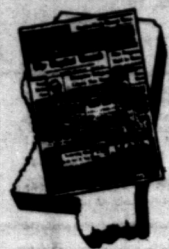


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Just For The Record



FAIRFIELD CHURCH OF MOSELLE broke ground Feb. 14. The church built a new sanctuary in 1975, and paid for it by April, 1976. The church voted Feb. 12, 1978 to build educational wings. Three senior deacons turned the soil Feb. 19. They are: (left to right) E. M. Watkins, H. H. Bryant, and Horace Crosby. Also the chairman of deacons, Milton Shows, and pastor, Gene Stroh, took part in the service with all the members of committees.



"CHERITH," BSU ensemble of Jones County Junior College, has been presenting musical programs in various churches, high schools, club meetings, and association meetings. Left to right, (first row): Byron Smith, music chairman, Sharon Smith, Vidonia Puckett, Kent Miller. Second row: Buster Dennis, Charles Graves, John Cole, Bernice Balch. Third row: Ruth Fairchild, Johnny McCarty, Steve Chisolm, Debra Bigby. Not pictured: Debbie Hehn, BSU president. Clark Measels, minister of music at First Church, Ellisville is director of the group. John F. Sumner is director of the Jones Junior College Baptist Student Union.

First, Church, Orange Grove will celebrate homecoming on April 2. Don Sevell will preach at the 11 a.m. service. Howard Quinley will bring the afternoon message. Both are former pastors of the church. There will be dinner for all at noon. The youth choir from East Moss Point Church will bring a message in song before the afternoon service. H. L. Davis is pastor.

Bore: a person who talks when you wish him to listen. — Bierce — The Devil's Dictionary.

Revival Dates

Lakeview, Leland: April 3-9; services at 7:30 p.m.; Paul Sullivan, pastor at Elmwood Church, Lake Providence, La., evangelist; Steve Wilkinson, minister of music, Shaw Church, song leader; Charles Everitt, pastor.

Bethel (Pearl River): April 2-7; W. A. Fordham, pastor of First, Petal, evangelist; Wayne McCollough, minister of music and youth, in charge of music; Becky Wise, pianist; Mrs. Sandra Wheat, organist; Joseph L. Small, pastor; homecoming day on Sunday, April 2.

West Ellisville Church, Ellisville: April 2-7; Max Patterson, pastor at Mabel White Memorial Baptist Church, Macon, Ga., evangelist; Gary Shows, music director at Amite Church, Denham Springs, La., musician; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Mon.-Fri. at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Tom McCurley, pastor.

First, Brandon: April 2-7; revival theme: "Because He Lives," James Fancher, Jackson, special preaching ministries, evangelist; Mike Smith, minister of music, Richland Church, guest musician; weekday services 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; W. Thomas Baddley, pastor.

Liberty Church, Flowood: April 7-9; services at 7 p.m.; Sammy McDonald, of Cleary Church, Florence, preacher; Edward Rhinewalt, Clarke College, music director; Mrs. Betty Johnson, organist; Mrs. Mary Jon Westbrook, pianist; fellowship after each night service; youth rally at the Flowood Pavilion on Saturday at 2 p.m.



CALVARY CHURCH, GREENWOOD, held an Acteens Recognition Service. The theme was "Time For His Crown." Left to right, first row: Denise Powell, Missy Markham, Lela Mitchell, Ida Mitchell, Barbara Rozier, Linda Brewer, Vonda Tackett and Judy Gardner. Second Row: Robin Brunson, Alice

Fancher, Denise Palmertree, Gloria Blake, Janet Clanton, Janice Rozier, Donna Cheek and Eva Gay Ricketts. There were four Service Aides, two Queen-Regents-in-Service, two Queens-with-a-Scepter, and seven Queens. Rayford Duck is pastor.

Devotional

Life After Birth

By John R. Claypool, Pastor, Northminster, Jackson

William McElvaney once observed that Jesus' post-resurrection activities underline the fact that "life after birth and life before death are just as important as life after death." He notes the fact that at no point after He had arisen from the grave does Jesus say anything to His disciples about what life in the next world is like.

I think it is safe to surmise that once the disciples got over the shock that this One Who had been dead was now alive again, their way first questions were: "What is it like to die? What kind of world lies beyond the grave? Exactly what constitutes the Great Beyond?"

And the interesting thing is that not one word about this subject is recorded in any of the Gospels. All of Jesus' post-resurrection injunctions have to do with life in this world and the responsibilities that are ours presently; namely, to feed His sheep, to be His witnesses, and to go into all the world making disciples and baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

This is not to say that Jesus was uninterested in the life beyond this life or felt that it had no place in a vision of hope. It is rather a way of saying that we really do lose the proportion of things when in the midst of the here and now we become so preoccupied with the next life that we neglect the opportunities to grow and the challenges to serve that go with this stage of our development.

There is profound sense in which the higher always rests on the lower which means that until you have mastered the first grade, you are in no position to think about the challenges of the second grade.

I feel that the people who are so obsessed with the next life and with the exact details of "the furniture of Heaven or the temperature of Hell" are getting ahead of themselves and failing to do those things that are most necessary.

I agree with McElvaney: the things that Jesus talked about when He returned from the grave underline the fact that life after birth and life before death should be our primal concerns now. The "lessons" appropriate to this "grade" of our development are learning to love God with all our heart and mind and soul and strength; and our neighbor as ourselves; we need to give ourselves wholly to the loving, feeding the sheep that Jesus talked about, and being agents of His reconciliation.

If we are faithful mastering these disciplines, then, as Jesus said, we will be equipped to participate in the More that lies beyond.



Claypool

Uniform Lesson

Life In The Fellowship

By Hardy R. Denham, Jr.
First, Newton
Acts 4:32-35; 5:1-11

There is a very popular song today which declares that people who need people are the luckiest people in the world. Perhaps one reason for the popularity of this song is that people realize the importance of personal relationships. Everyone has needed someone at one time or another. And everyone has the opportunity every day to be a people helper.

Life in the church in Jerusalem was characterized by fellowship. That word fellowship speaks of mutual interest and sharing. Thus in times of personal need people in the church shared with others. This was the general rule and spirit in the Jerusalem church even though there were exceptions to the rule. This study focuses on that general spirit and one tragic exception to the rule.

I. The Sympathetic Concern (Acts 4:32-35)

Luke gave another cameo picture of the state of the church. His emphasis was on the unified spirit of the church, the unusual power of the apostles and the unselfish devotion of the people. The spirit of oneness in the body of the believers was the key to both their dynamic power and dedicated service. By stressing their oneness Luke was saying that they were together in their commitment to Christ and His service (verse 32a). Such togetherness resulted in the Lord's freedom to use the apostles in giving a dynamic witness (verse 33). When church leaders must give attention to healing a divided people and dealing with a divisive spirit in the church they are taken from the primary work of giving a witness to lost men. But a oneness in support and service makes a powerful witness possible.

Seeking to meet the needs of people was one of the expressions of the unified spirit of the believers (verses 32b, 34-35). There were people in the Jerusalem church who had economic needs. There were no government programs which furnished financial assistance in the way of welfare payments or food stamps. Thus the church put brotherly love into practice and supplied what others needed. This was

by no means a form of communism. What people did in sharing their wealth and possessions was done voluntarily, it was done repeatedly and it was done in Christian love.

Barnabas (his real name was Joseph) was one of the members of the church who willingly shared with other people (verses 36-37). What Barnabas did was characteristic of him. He had the habit of helping people thus he was given the name Barnabas (Son of consolation) by the apostles.

We have all kinds of financial aid programs today to take care of the destitute in our society. It doubtless would be impractical, if not impossible, for churches to do today as was done in Jerusalem. However, as believers we must not forget that God has called us to be people helpers.

II. The Selfish Conspiracy (Acts 5:1-10)

Ananias and Sapphira were members of the Jerusalem church and participated in the work of helping the less fortunate. What Barnabas did in selling some land and giving the proceeds to help others had an effect on Ananias and Sapphira. They had some property they did not need and they did as Barnabas had done (verse 1). Some of the proceeds from the sale were given to help the needy (verse 2). Beyond question the motive of the couple was wrong. They acted in order to receive the praise and commendation given to Barnabas.

What was the sin of these two people? It was not that they only gave part of the money received for the land while keeping part for themselves. After all, it was their field and their profit from the sale. They were free to do with it as they chose (verse 4a). Their conspiracy was basically twofold. First, they represented the money given as the total amount received for the land when what was given was only a part of the amount (verse 2). Second, their conduct involved a lie which was associated with the Holy Spirit (verses 3 and 4a). The usual manner of interpreting the "lie to the Holy Spirit" is that they were not only attempting to deceive the church but God also. However, the correct interpretation may be that they said they gave only part because the Lord told them to do so. If this is the case they were making the Holy Spirit an

accomplice in their conspiracy to deceive. There are people who seek to give Divine sanction to their deeds by piously saying, "The Lord told me to do it," or "This is what I believe the Lord wants me to do." When you involve the Lord in your decisions be certain you are doing what He wants and not what you want.

The result of the selfish conspiracy by this couple was an untimely death for both (verses 5-10). When confronted with the truth, Ananias dropped dead (verse 5). Luke reported his death with a medical term which means expired. No medical cause of

death is given but apparently it was heart failure caused by the shock of being exposed. Sapphira experienced a double shock which doubtless caused her death. Not only was she told that her conspiracy was known but also that her husband was dead (verses 7-10). The Jews buried their dead right after they died, thus the hasty burials were customary at that time.

It is apparent that the untimely deaths of Ananias and Sapphira were accepted as an object lesson by the church (verse 11). It should be taken as such by Christians today. Men are not to deal lightly and flippantly with the things of God.

By Bill Duncan, Long Beach, First
Genesis 1:1-2:4a

The importance of the book of Genesis, especially the first two chapters, can scarcely be overstated. While some ancient nations had their legends about creation, these cannot be compared to the Genesis account. This is the only authoritative, orderly, and reasonable account of the beginning of all things. It provides us with the most important truth relative to creation: God created it.

With the emphasis on science in modern life, every thoughtful person must wonder if the account of the creation in Genesis harmonizes with the current views of scientists. Since the author of Genesis knew nothing of present-day scientific methods, he was not concerned with whether or not his account would agree with scientific research. His chief purpose was to show that the eternal God is the creator and sustainer of our world. The writer does not tell us when or how God did this, but he does assert most positively that God did it. It should be noted that the creation begins with the

simple elements of life and proceeds to the complex with the creation of man as the climax.

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Seminary Extension Update

Hollis Bryant (left) received a progress report on the number of Seminary Extension centers in operation in Mississippi during the annual workshop for state Seminary Extension representatives in Nashville. Bob Johnson is Bryant's liaison on the Seminary Extension Department staff. Workshop participants heard an up-date on Seminary Extension work nationally, including plans for an increased emphasis next year on enlisting bi-vocational pastors in ministerial education. (SED PHOTO)



Life and Work Lesson

God's Creating Work

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Whenever God made something, he used pre-existing material and intermediate causes. Development is pictured as fulfillment of the possibilities created by God, either in response to the influence of God or under his control. That which is described as in accord with his will is under the influence of the Spirit of God, brooding as a hen over her eggs to bring forth inherent possibilities.

A student of the Bible will note that there are some striking differences in the account of the creation of man and other created objects. In Genesis 1:26, God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." The use of the plural pronoun "us" refers to the plural of majesty or the heavenly council made up of the Trinity. Another difference is that man is made after the image of God where other creatures were made after their kind. In other cases God declared that his creation was good; after creating man he said it was very good.

The idea that man is made in the image of God does not refer to the physical or bodily likeness, since God is a spirit. It means that man has so-

cial, moral, intellectual, and spiritual qualities like God.

Man made after the likeness of God, and being superior to all other creatures, was to represent the sovereignty of God in the world. After God made man he blessed him and committed great responsibility to him. Multiply, replenish the earth, and subdue it was the commission of God. Man was to work with God in carrying out his eternal purposes for the world.

Since man is made like God, he has the privilege of constant and continued fellowship with God. By prayer and meditation the man who has been redeemed by Christ can enjoy the highest privilege of communion with the great eternal God. Man can also work in harmony with God.

Faith in God, the creator, will naturally lead man to the following conclusions:

1. The world was made for man's enjoyment.
2. God gave man the world to conquer, control and use.
3. Man should work with God in maintaining his world of beauty, order, and sustenance.